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SUBJECT: BIO DATA ON NESTOR KOMBOT-NAGUEMON

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1. INFO ON KOMBOT-NAGUEMON CONTAINED PARA 2 REFTEL ESSENTIALLY CORRECT, EXCEPT THAT HIS COMPANY CENTRADIAM WAS CLOSED DOWN IN APRIL 1972 AND IS NO LONGER IN OPERATION HERE. ONE OF HIS FORMER ASSOCIATES IN COMPANY, A LEBANESE, ARSLANIA, OF SOMEWHAT QUESTIONABLE REPUTATION BASED IN ANTWERP, HAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED A NEW DIAMOND-BUYING FIRM IN BANGUI, BUT WE HAVE SEEN NOTHING LINKING KOMBOT-NAGUEMON TO THIS NEW OPERATION.

2. KOMBOT HAS IN FACT BEEN IN VIRTUAL EXILE IN JAPAN AS RESULT OF BOKASSA'S DESIRE TO REMOVE HIM FROM POLITICAL SCENE FOLLOWING GOCAR'S SWING AWAY FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IN LATE 1971, AND INFORMATION ON HIS ACTIVITIES SINCE HIS ASSIGNMENT THERE IS SCARCE. NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HERE SAYS HE WAS ACTIVE IN TOKYO STIRRING UP JAPANESE BUSINESS INTEREST IN CAR AND PERSUADING GOVERNMENT TO SEND RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO BANGUI. BRUSSELS WILL OF COURSE PUT HIM CLOSER TO THE CAR MAINSTREAM, BOTH POLITICALLY
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AND FINANCIALLY. ON THE BASIS OF HIS PREVIOUS REPUTATION, HE IS

A MAN TO BE WATCHED ON BOTH COUNTS.

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